

NOTICE OF PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD



REMEDY SELECTION
at
ENGELHARD WEST, INC
5510 EAST LA PALMA AVENUE
ANAHEIM, CA 92807

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD: August 21, 2006 to October 5, 2006

WHAT'S BEING PROPOSED?

The California Department of Toxic Substance Control (DTSC) invites public comment on the proposed Remedy Selection for the former Engelhard West, Inc (Engelhard) facility. The proposed remedy, if approved, will require no further action and certifies the site to be sufficiently remediated for all known contaminants. DTSC has prepared a Draft Notice of Exemption (NOE) for this project pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). This project is considered exempt since it will not have a significant negative impact on human health and the environment.

Engelhard was a precious metal recycler and no longer occupies the building. Their operations used various feed streams containing gold residues which were shipped into the Engelhard plant for chemical or thermal processing to recover the gold. Engelhard operated an analytical laboratory for process control and quality control in conjunction with their treatment process. Several different mineral acids and cyanide solutions were used during the recovery process. Materials for the recovery and refining processes were received in various containers and stored in outside containment areas. The storage areas were constructed with berms and concrete flooring sloped to a collection sump. Spills and stormwater collected in the sump were pumped to holding tanks for further treatment in the wastewater treatment system. This treatment system was located along the southern side of the building within a paved and bermed area.

HOW DO I PARTICIPATE?

This notice is to provide the interested community the opportunity to learn more about the project and provide comments to DTSC about the proposed Remedy Selection during the 45 day public comment period which starts on August 21, 2006 and ends on October 5, 2006. Your participation is encouraged. DTSC will also be holding a Public Hearing to receive comments from the public. The hearing will be held on September 26, 2006, 6:00pm at the Fairfield Inn, 201 North Via Cortez, Anaheim Hills, CA 92807. Comments concerning the draft RS may be submitted in writing to Robert Romero, DTSC Project Manager, at rromero1@dtsc.ca.gov or 5796 Corporate Avenue, Cypress, CA 90630. Your comments will be reviewed and considered during the approval process of this remedy. All written comments must be postmarked no later than October 5, 2006.

WHERE DO I GET MORE INFORMATION?

A copy of the draft Remedy Selection and other project documents are available at the Canyon Hills Public Library, 400 Scout Trail, Anaheim Hills. Also, site documents and the full Administrative Record pertaining to this project are available for review during office hours at the DTSC Regional Records Office, 5796 Corporate Avenue, Cypress, CA 90630. Contact: Julie Johnson at (714) 484-5337.

Si desea información en español, comuníquese con la Leticia Hernandez at (714) 484-5488 o número gratis: 1-866-495-5651.

NOTICE TO THE HEARING IMPAIRED: TDD users can obtain additional information by using the California Relay Service (1-888-877-5378) to reach Robert Romero at (714) 484-5316.